

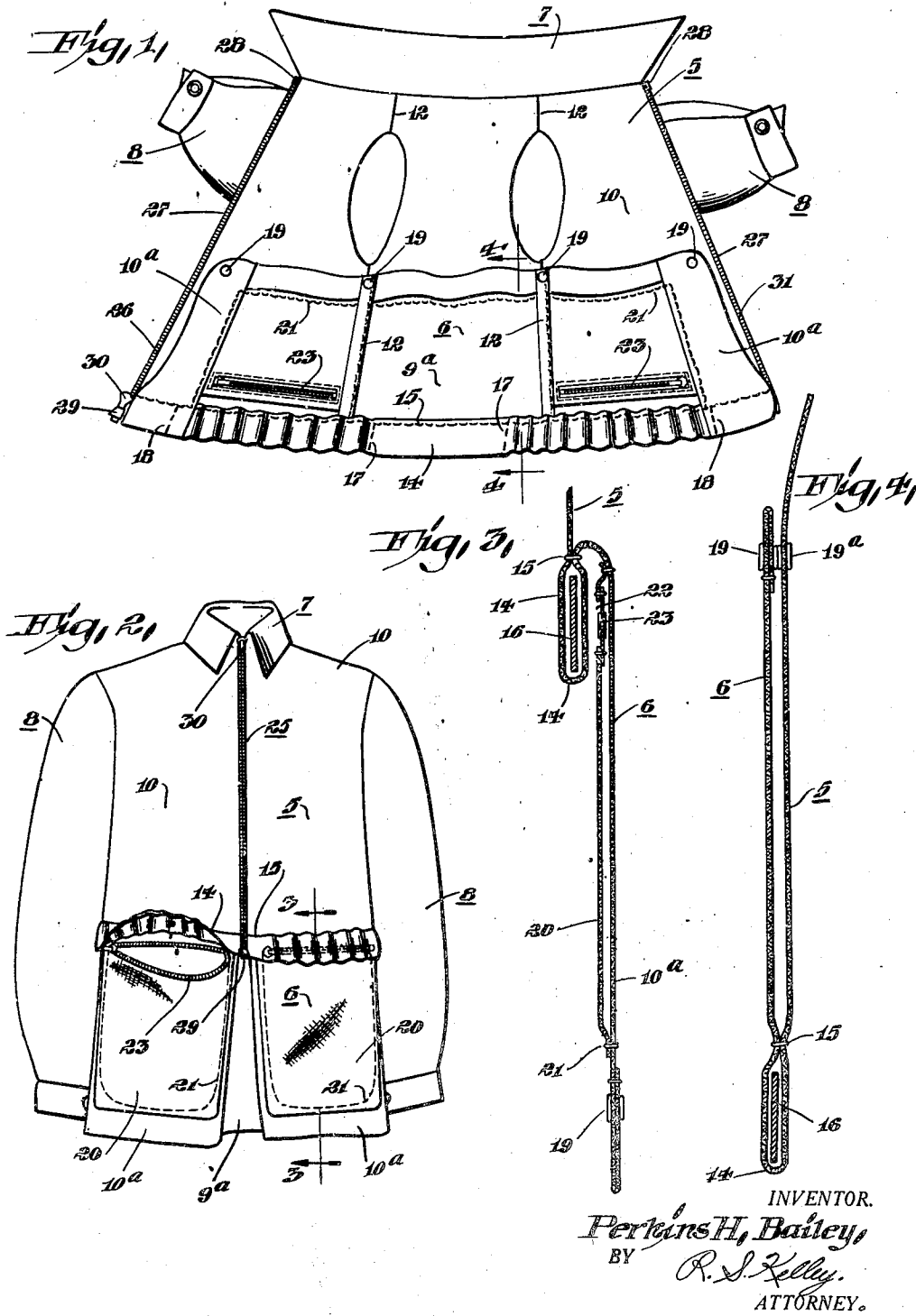
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This invention relates to garments and, in particular, to jackets.

It is an object of this invention to provide a new and improved jacket construction of convertible type which may be worn as a short waist-length jacket or as a longer hip-length jacket and which is readily and conveniently convertible, at the desire of a wearer.

It is a further object of this invention to provide such a jacket construction wherein the garment material is provided with a belt-forming tuck adjacent the waistline which divides the jacket into a body portion and a skirt portion and which forms a yieldable belt defining the bottom edge of the jacket and retaining the garment snug about the waistline of a wearer when it is worn as a waist-length jacket with the skirt retracted, and which belt-forming tuck provides a free, readily accessible, support for the separating end of a slide fastener detachably connecting the sides of the body portion of the garment above the waistline.

It is a further object of this invention to provide such a construction wherein the skirt is provided with pockets having openings underlying the belt-forming tuck and effectively covered and closed by such belt-forming tuck when the jacket is worn as a hip-length garment with the skirt extended.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing which forms a part thereof, and will be pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view of the inside of a jacket constructed according to this invention, with the skirt retracted to form a waist-length garment;

Fig. 2 is a view of the outside of the jacket with the skirt extended to form a hip-length garment;

Fig. 3 is a section taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a section taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the garment comprises a body portion generally designated 5 having a skirt generally designated 6 extending therefrom, and a collar 7 and sleeves 8 attached thereto.

The body portion 5 is formed by a back panel 9 and front panels 10 connected by longitudinal seams 12, the collar 7 being attached to the upper edges of the panels 9 and 10 at the neck opening of the garment. At the waist-forming

portion of the garment, a tuck 14 formed by a line of stitching 15 extends transversely of the panels 9 and 10 from edge to edge of the garment front opening.

The panels 9 and 10 extend downwardly substantially below the tuck 14 as do the above-described seams 12. The extensions 9a and 10a of the panels 9 and 10 below the tuck 14 form the skirt of the jacket which is generally designated 6. The tuck is of tunnel-like form and carries a pair of strip-like yielding members 16 of rubber or like resilient material, the strips 16 being applied under tension and having their rearwardly directed ends secured to the tuck-forming garment material by stitching 17 and their forwardly directed ends secured to the tuck-forming garment material by stitching 18 (Fig. 1). The tuck 14 thus forms a yielding belt disposed at the waist portion of the garment.

Suitable complementary connecting means is provided for detachably securing the skirt 6 in the retracted position shown in Figs. 1 and 4. While other known means such as slide fasteners, hooks and eyes, etc., may be used, for purposes of illustration this means is shown as comprising snap fasteners 19, 19a. As shown, the lower end of the skirt 6 is provided with a plurality of female snap fastener members 19 (Figs. 1 and 3), which cooperate with complementary male fastener members 19a suitably located on the panels 9 and 10 of the body portion 5 in such manner that the skirt 6 may be retracted or drawn upwardly and retained smooth against and within the body portion 5 by these fastener members 19, 19a, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4.

Secured by stitching 21 to the skirt-forming panel extensions 10a is a pair of pocket patches 20, each having a transverse pocket opening slit 22 at its upper end in which is, optionally, secured a slide fastener 23 to form a pair of slide fastener closed pockets. As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the pocket openings 22 and the slide fasteners 23 thereof are disposed beneath the tuck 14 which is retained snugly thereover by the yielding resilient strips 16 therein.

The front closure opening of the garment extends downwardly from the collar 7 to the lower edge of the belt-forming tuck 14 and a slide-fastened closure is formed thereat by the slide fastener generally designated 25. This slide fastener includes two stringers 26 and 31. One stringer 26 is secured to the edge of one front panel 10 at the specified location. This stringer comprises a tape supporting a row of interlocking fastener members 27 having a conventional

top stop 28 at its upper end and the female or retainer member 29 of a separating end fitting at its lower end (Fig. 1). A slider 30 is retained by the top stop 28 and separating end fitting retainer member 29 on the row of interlocking fastener members 27 of this stringer 26.

Secured to the edge of the other front panel 10 in the above-described location is a complementary slide fastener stringer 31 which comprises a tape supporting a row of spaced interlocking fastener members 27 having a top stop 28 at its upper end and the male or pin member 33 of a slide fastener separating end fitting at its lower end. This pin member 33 is complementary with the retainer member 29 described above and cooperates therewith in known manner detachably to connect and disconnect the lower ends of the stringers 26 and 31 which are progressively connected and disconnected by sliding movement of the slider 30 longitudinally with respect to the fastener members 27 of the stringers 26 and 31, in known manner. The pin member 33 and retainer member 29 of the bottom end fitting are secured to the ends or extremities of the belt-forming tuck 14 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

As shown in Fig. 2, the separating end fitting is thus readily accessible to the garment wearer by reason of the freedom of attachment from the garment and skirt of the belt-forming tuck 16. Thus, the wearer may readily grasp the retainer 29 of the separating end fitting, both in opening and closing the slide fastener to open and close the front of the garment. This freedom is unimpaired by the position of the garment skirt 6, because the hand of the wearer may be readily slipped under the tuck 14 when the skirt is retracted as shown in Fig. 1, as well as when the skirt is extended, as shown in Fig. 2. The skirt 6 may be tucked into the trouser or skirt of a wearer to prevent the entry of cold wind between the jacket and other clothing of a wearer. Likewise, it may be worn outside a nether garment, as shown in Fig. 2.

From the above description, it will clearly appear that I have provided a new and improved convertible jacket, readily and conveniently convertible from a waist-length jacket to a hip-length jacket, and vice versa, wherein an integral tuck extending about the jacket intermediate its length forms a yieldable belt maintaining the jacket snug against the waist portion of the wearer and wherein this tuck, in addition, provides a free yieldable support for the bottom end fitting of a separating slide fastener extending downwardly to this tuck, the separating end fitting being readily accessible and normally yieldingly held snugly against the wearer.

In addition to the above functions, the yielding belt formed by the tuck provides a yielding covering flap for the openings of pockets on the skirt of the garment when the skirt is extended to form a hip-length jacket. Furthermore, because of the integral nature of the panels forming the body portion and skirt and intermediate tuck portions, the garment may be conveniently and cheaply constructed with minimum labor and material.

It is, of course, to be understood that the above-described structure is merely illustrative and in nowise limiting and that I desire to comprehend within my invention such modifications as are included within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus fully described my invention, what

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A convertible jacket comprising a hip-length garment having a tuck extending therearound at the waistline and dividing said garment into a body portion and a skirt, a slide-fastened closure extending downwardly to said tuck and including a separating slide fastener with a separating bottom end fitting fixed between the ends of said tuck and supported thereby free of the garment body and skirt, and complementary detachable means on said skirt and the inside of said body portion for retaining said skirt in retracted position inside said jacket to form a waist-length jacket with a slide-fastened closure substantially coextensive with its length and convertible to a hip-length jacket by extension of said skirt.

2. In a garment, a garment body, a tuck extending around said garment body intermediate its length, yielding means associated with said tuck and forming therewith a yieldable belt, a slide-fastened closure in said garment body extending downwardly to said tuck, said slide-fastened closure including a separating slide fastener with a separating bottom end fitting secured between the ends of said tuck, said tuck providing readily accessible yieldable support for the separating end fitting of said slide fastener normally yieldingly maintaining said separating end fitting snug against a wearer.

3. In a convertible jacket, a hip-length garment, a tuck at the waistline of said garment dividing said garment into a body portion and a skirt, yielding means in said tuck rendering said tuck longitudinally extensible, said tuck forming a yieldable garment belt, complementary fastening means on said skirt and the inside of said body portion for detachably securing said skirt in retracted position inside said jacket to form a waist-length jacket convertible into a hip-length jacket by extension of said skirt, said belt-forming tuck being disposed at the lower end of said jacket in the retracted position of said skirt, pockets on said skirt having pocket openings underlying said yieldable tuck in the extended position of said skirt, said tuck providing a yieldable covering flap for said pocket openings.

4. A convertible jacket comprising a hip-length garment, a tuck at the waistline of said garment dividing said garment into a body portion and a skirt, yielding means in said tuck rendering said tuck longitudinally extensible, said tuck forming a yieldable garment belt, complementary fastening means on said skirt and the inside of said body portion for detachably securing said skirt in retracted position inside said jacket to form a waist-length jacket convertible into a hip-length jacket by extension of said skirt, said belt-forming tuck being disposed at the lower end of said jacket in the retracted position of said skirt, a slide fastener extending downwardly from the neck of said body portion and terminating at said belt-forming tuck, said slide fastener including a separating end fitting having complementary parts secured each to one end of said belt-forming tuck, said tuck forming a free, yielding support for said complementary parts of said separating end fitting for facilitating manual access to said separating end fitting both in the retracted position of said skirt and the extended position thereof for opening and closing of said slide-fastened closure in either position of said skirt.

5. A convertible jacket comprising a hip-length

garment, a tuck of tunnel form at the waistline of said garment dividing said garment into a body-portion and a skirt, yielding means comprising resilient strips in said tuck rendering said tuck longitudinally extensible, said tuck and said yielding means forming a yieldable garment belt, complementary fastening means on said skirt and the inside of said body portion for detachably securing said skirt in retracted position inside said jacket to form a waist-length jacket convertible into a hip-length jacket by extension of said skirt, said belt-forming tuck being disposed at the lower end of said jacket in the retracted position of said skirt, pockets on said skirt having slide-fastened pocket openings underlying said yieldable tuck in the extended position of said skirt, a slide

fastener extending downwardly from the neck line of said body portion and terminating at said belt-forming tuck, said slide fastener including a separating end fitting having complementary parts secured each to one end of said belt-forming tuck, said tuck forming a free, yielding support for said complementary parts of said separating end fitting for facilitating manual access to said separating end fitting both in the retracted position of said skirt and the extended position thereof for facilitating opening and closing of said slide-fastened closure in either position of said skirt while providing a snug fitting covering flap for said slide-fastened pocket openings.

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